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1. Jasmunder Bodden (island of Rügen) is being improved as a war harbor and eventual submarine base. Excavating equipment for the work is not yet available. It is planned for early in 1953. Three new shovel dredges are to be built, at an estimated cost of 3,000,000 DM each. The needed dump barges, scavenger barges and tugs will also be built. The dredges now available cannot work in the marly bottom. They were put in, but were completely uneconomical under the difficult conditions. Because construction of the three shovel dredges is urgent, construction is postponed on the tugboats, the canal excavating equipment, and the eight 1,000 ton "Amanda" lighters; also the construction project for the BVC.
2. Material for the dredges is not now at hand, but will be provided as rapidly as possible. At Tangermünde, for example, there is a sea-bottom dump barge on which work has been suspended for a half year on account of material shortage. Now all the material is arriving at once. In Magdeburg, the complete wrecking system which was needed for removing debris has been dismantled and transported to the coast. It comprised at least 30 small locomotives and Diesel locomotives with attendant lorries. for Magdeburg was well provided with debris-moving vehicles.

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